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FOR ADMIRAL BAGLEY FROM THE CHARGE

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MNUC, PFOR, MARR, SP
SUBJECT: NPW PORT VISIT GIBRALTAR

REF: CINCUSNAVEUR 161844Z SEP 76

1. I TAKE IT OUR AGREED PRINCIPAL CURRENT OBJECTIVE IN NAVY RELATIONS WITH SPAIN IS THE SECURITY OF SPANISH AGREEMENT TO NPW VISITS TO SPAIN, AND THE PROPOSED PITA DA VEIGA VISIT IS PRIMARILY A MEANS TO THAT END. BUT WHAT IS NOW SAID IN PARAGRAPH 3 OF YOUR 161844Z SEP 76 IS QUITE DIFFERENT FROM WHAT WAS SAID IN PARAGRAPH 2 OF YOUR MESSAGE OF 261313Z AUG 76 IN TERMS OF HOW WE CAN BEST GO ABOUT THIS MATTER. THE LATTER MESSAGE SHOWED SENSITIVITY TO THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE GIBRALTAR FACTOR -- A SIGNIFICANCE THAT CANNOT BE DISMISSED -- BY SPECIFYING THAT, IF SPANISH OFFICIALS WERE TO VISIT NIMITZ, THE GIBRALTAR PORT CALL WOULD BE RULED OUT. YOU WILL APPRECIATE THAT IT CONCERNED US THAT WE WERE INFORMED LATER, AFTER INVITATIONS HAD BEEN ISSUED, THAT THE SCENARIO HAD BEEN CHANGED IN A WAY THAT COULD HAVE SUBSTANTIALLY

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ADVERSELY AFFECTED WHAT WE BOTH WISH TO ACHIEVE IN SPAIN.

2. WE WILL NOW ADVISE THE NAVY MINISTER OF THE NIMITZ
VISIT TO GIBRALTAR AT THIS TIME, AND OF THE COMPELLING
REASONS FOR IT, AND THEN LET YOU KNOW WHAT HIS RESPONSE IS.
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